, (b) whether Government are aware that .due to acute shortage of these essential . commodities at the. PDS centres, there ■were communal tensions and of Law and Order problem in the State;

(c) whether there is any disparity in allocation of these commodities in Metropolitan dries and rural areas; and

(d) if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMA LUDDIN AHMED): (a) The total quantities of rice, wheat, imported edible oi1 and Kerosene allotted to Maha rashtra for supply through the Public , Distribution System during 1991 (January. .August, 1991) is as under:

(in *thousand tonnes)*

Rice	367.0
Wheat .	920.0
Imported Edible Oil	10.6
Kerosene Oil •	970.0

The average demand per month of •wheat and rice during the period above is about 1.36 lakh tonnes and 0.59 lakh tonnes respectively. The annual demand for imported edible oil for oil-year 1990-•i was 1.68 lakh tonnes.

(b) Government has not received any such report from the State Government.

(c) Allocations of PDS items are made to the State Governments/IIT. Adminis-trttions as a whole and further internal distribution within the State, including roral and urban areas, are decided by the (be concerned State Governments/UT Administrations.

Allocations from Central Pool are supplemental in nature and are not meant to meet the entire- requirements of the State Governments/UT Administraions.

566. *[Transferred lb nth Sept,,* 1991]

Aran Singh Committee Report on Indian Defence Forces

567. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken in the light of Arun Singh Committee Report to up-date technologically the Indian Defence forces; and

(b) whether the neighbours who have cated armaments in their holdings, the other sophisticated armaments can be matched with indigiaoasly manufactuied space missiles and similar armaments in destructive power?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Arun Singh Committee recommendations relate primarily to measures for achieving economy and securing optimal utilisation of available resources and do not deal specifically with the issue of technological. upgradation of the Indian Defence Forces.

(b) With the missiles and other sophisticated armaments in their holdings, the Defence Forces of the country are fully capable of countering any threat .from potential adversaries in our nighbouthood.

उर्वरकों पर दी जाने वाली राज सहायता में प्रस्तावित 40% कटौती को वापस लिया जाना

568. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने छोटे तथा मंझोले किसानों को उर्वरकों